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SUBJ: CIVAIR - CONCORDE

1. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF OVERSEAS DIVISION OF BRITISH AIRWAYS (STANTON) HAS PUBLICLY DISCLOSED THAT BA HAS ABANDONED "TEMPORARILY" ITS PLANS TO INTRODUCE CONCORDE SERVICES TO SOUTH AFRICA EARLY IN 1976 BECAUSE UKG AND AIRLINEIGAVE BEEN UNABLE OBTAIN PERMISSION FROM NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT FOR CONCORDE REFUELING STOP AT LAGOS FOR LONDON-JOHANNESBURG SERVICE. LAGOS APPARENTLY ONLY AIRPORT THAT COULD HANDLE CONCORDE ON ONE-STOP SOUTH AFRICAN SERVICE. ALTERNATIVE AIRPORTS THAT ARE CAPABLE OF TAKING SST WOULD REQUIRE AIRCRAFT TO MAKE TWO STOPS ENROUTE WHICH WOULD ERODE MOST OF CONCORDE'S SPEED ADVANTAGE OVER PRESENT 747 NON-STOP SERVICE OPERATED LONDON JOBURG BY SAA. WE UNDERSTAND NIGERIANS TOLD BRITISH THEY WOULD BE PLEASED TO HAVE CONCORDE STOP AT LAGOS PROVIDED IT NOT ON A SOUTH AFRICAN SERVICE.

2. INABILITY TO OPERATE TO SOUTH AFRICA WILL MEAN THAT BA WILL HAVE TO INCREASE LEVEL OF SERVICES PLANNED TO US, JAPAN AND AUSTRALIA IN ORDER TO FULLY EMPLOY PLANNED
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